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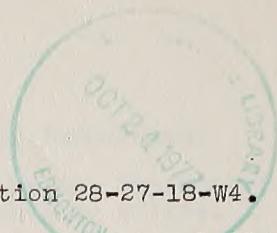
for. Dept. of Business Develop. & Tourism.  
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Hamlet of East Coulee.

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HAMLET OF EAST COULEE June 1949



at  
Dept. of Industry

1. Location Section 31-27-18-W4 and Section 28-27-18-W4.

This location is fourteen miles southeast of Drumheller on the banks of the Red Deer River and the Bassano-Rosemary-Kneehill line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

2. Altitude Same as Drumheller.

3. Temperature Same as Drumheller.

4. Rainfall - Same as Drumheller.

5. Geology Same as Drumheller

6. Soil Same as Drumheller.

7. History

The founder of the East Coulee Mining area was the late J. N. Murray, who was the holder of considerable freehold coal land in this district. He subsequently sold or leased his coal properties to some of the present mining companies; other mining companies obtained their coal properties from the C.P.R.

The Canadian Pacific Railway entered what is now known as East Coulee in 1928, but did not open for traffic until 1929.

8. Living Conditions There are 476 houses.

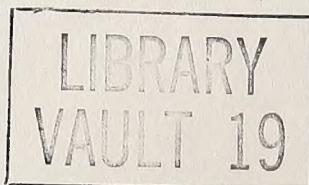
Private house rentals	4 rooms	\$25.00 per month
Private house rentals	5 rooms	\$30.00 per month
Mine company houses	4 rooms	\$12.00 plus \$2.00 for water per month.
Mine company houses	5 rooms	\$16.00 plus \$2.00 for water per month.

Private houses have individual water wells; some of these wells are equipped with electric-motor driven pumps and pressure tanks.

The three hotels and some private houses have cesspools with inside toilets, but most of the houses have an outside privy.

East Coulee hamlet lies along the banks of the Red Deer River; the river banks are fringed with willow bushes, poplar, balm of gilead and spruce trees.

There is fishing for pike, pickerel, and goldeye, in the river.



9. Administration. The hamlet is part of Improvement District No. 42, and is administered by the Department of Municipal Affairs through the Drumheller office.

10. Laws and Regulations

There are no local regulations. Federal and Provincial Laws are administered by the R.C.M.P.

11. Fire Protection

There are two, 40 gallon tanks of "Foamite", on a hand truck, supplied by the Department of Municipal Affairs, operated by a volunteer Fire Brigade.

12. Tax Structure

	<u>Percentage of Actual Value</u>	<u>Net Assessment</u>	<u>Mill Rate 1948</u>
Land	100 1/3 %	32,595	
Improvements	66 2/3 %	277,775	
Personal Property	100 1/3 %	340,675	52 mills
		\$651,045	

13. Areas

14. Sewer and Water Main Mileage

15. Power

3 phase, 60 cycle, 110 volt current is supplied to the houses by Canadian Utilities Ltd.

Rates      Cents per k.w.h.      Depending on amount used

Domestic	6 to 2	"	"	"	"
Commercial	6 1/2 to 3	"	"	"	"
Industrial	6 to 3	"	"	"	"
Large users	1.92 to 1.78	"	"	"	"

16. Water

Water is obtained from individual wells, that are fed by water from the Red Deer river that filters through the gravel surrounding the wells. The water is inspected by the Drumheller Health Unit.

17. Fuels

Gas

18. L.P. Gas. is available in Drumheller.

19. Diesel Fuel is available in Drumheller.

20. Coal Same as Drumheller.

21. Local Resources. Same as Drumheller.

22. Government Offices and Services.

Federal  
Post Office  
R.C.M.P. Patrol from Drumheller detachment.

Provincial  
Alberta Government Telephones  
Alberta Government Treasury Branch (Sub Office)

Municipal  
Garbage collected by contractors through arrangements with the local welfare committee. Department of Municipal Affairs Inspector from the Drumheller Office.

23. Health Services  
Two local doctors plus the health services in Drumheller.  
1 drug store.

24. Professional & Skilled Personal Services not including health services.  
Barber shops 3  
Beauty parlor 1

25. Transportation  
C.P.R. railway connecting Bassano with Drumheller.  
All weather roads that connect with all points in the Drumheller Valley.

26. Newspapers. See Drumheller

27. Communications  
Canadian Pacific Telegraphs  
Alberta Government Telephones  
Post Office with air mail  
Nearest radio stations in Calgary,  
C.F.A.C., C.F.C.N., and C.J.C.J.

28. Financial Facilities  
Alberta Government Treasury Branch (sub office).

29. Hotels   No. Rooms   Single Rates   Beer Parlor  
Empire      17      \$1.50 special rates for miners      yes  
Valley      18      \$1.50 special rates for miners      yes  
East Coulee 16      \$1.50 special rates for miners      yes

All three hotels have cesspools and inside toilets.

30. Tourist Camps none

31. Churches  
Bethel United  
Roman Catholic

32. Lodges  
I.O.O.F. See Drumheller

33. Service Clubs  
Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Local Welfare Committee  
Ladies Auxiliary.

34. Societies  
Catholic Altar Society  
Catholic Youth Organization.

35. Schools  
There is one school building that accommodates 322 pupils and nine teachers.  
This school is part of the Red Deer Valley School Division No. 55  
Grades 1 to 12 inclusive taught.

36. Theatres and Halls  

	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Piano</u>
Star Theatre	300	yes	yes
Community Hall	350	yes	yes
Hungarian Hall	250	yes	yes

  
There is available a Hungarian Orchestra, 5 pieces.

37. Cultural Activities  
Catholic Youth Organization Drama and Music

38. Youth Activities

39. Sports

40. Fairs

41. Historic Sites

42. Cooperatives

43. Industry & Business is represented as follows:  
1 Beauty parlor  
1 Baker shop  
3 Barber shop  
3 Cafes  
1 Drug Store  
1 Drygoods  
1 Electric Fixtures and supplies  
2 Garages  
6 General stores - five of these sell meat  
1 Grain Elevator Capacity 30,000 bushels.  
1 Hardware  
1 Lumber yard with builders hardware.

- 1 Plumbers shop with hardware
- 2 Shoe repairs.

In addition there are the following four mines:

Murray Collieries Ltd.

Authorized capital \$100,000  
President H. R. Reed  
Mine Office, East Coulee, Alberta  
Mine Manager, Hugh G. McKinnon  
Thickness of seam 5 ft. 3 in.  
Thickness of cover 375 feet.  
Inclination of seam : horizontal  
Form of opening : tunnel  
Location of mine S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 29-27-18-W4  
Coal mining Lease No. C.P.R. 539  
Served by C.N.R., C.P.R., and trucks.  
Registered Trade Name: "New Murray Coal."

Regal Coal Co. Ltd. (Atlas Coal Mine)

Head Office: 228 Examiner Bldg., Calgary, Alberta.  
Mine Office: East Coulee, Alberta.  
General Manager: L. Patrick  
Mine Manager A. Wilson  
Thickness of seam 5 ft. 2 in.  
Thickness of cover 200 ft. to 400 ft.  
Inclination of seam: Undulating  
Form of opening : level  
Location of mine N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 13-21-27-18-W4  
Coal Mining Lease No. C.P.R.  
Served by C.N.R. C.P.R. and trucks  
Registered Trade Name: "New Wildfire".

Saskatchewan Federated Cooperatives Ltd.

Authorized capital \$5,000,000.  
President G. Urwin  
Secretary H. L. Fowler,  
Treasurer E. T. Mowbray,  
Head Office Saskatoon, Saskatchewan,  
Mine Office: East Coulee, Alberta.  
General Manager, John T. Burton,  
Mine Manager, Philip Melson,  
Thickness of seam 6 ft. to 7 ft.  
Thickness of cover 200 ft. to 300 ft.  
Form of opening tunnel  
Location of Mine L.S. 2-32-27-18-W4  
Served by C.N.R. C.P.R. and trucks.  
Registered Trade Name "Empire Coal".

The Monarch Coal Mining Co.

Authorized Capital \$102,500.  
President E. A. Lovett  
Sec. Treasurer H. R. Narraway  
Head Office Calgary Alberta  
Mine Office Drumheller Alberta.  
Mine Manager Terrance Smith

Thickness of seam  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft. to 5 ft.  
Thickness of cover up to 400 ft.  
Inclination of seam: undulating  
Form of opening drift  
Location of Mine L.S. 1-20-27-18-W4  
Coal Mining Lease C.P.R.  
Served by C.P.R.  
Registered Trade Name "Western Monarch Coal".

44. Sites - Same as Drumheller

45. Industrial Development - Same as Drumheller.

46. Trading Area  
Includes the downstream hamlet of Dorothy, and the upstream hamlets of Lehigh and Willow Creek.

47. Trading Area Population  
Estimated 2,800.

48. East Coulee Hamlet Population  
Estimated 2,800.